

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: US FILM RETROSPECTIVE

REF: SLAWECKI/ALEXANDER TELCON 3/23

1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REF/TEL/CON, PAO PHONED GRAF NEXT MORNING IN BONN, EXPLAINED PROBLEM OF ACQUIRING GERMAN-VERSION AMERICAN FEATURE FILMS AND ASKED GRAF LOOK INTO MATTER. GRAF SAID USIS BONN NO LONGER INVOLVED WITH FILMS BUT THAT HE WOULD PURSUE QUESTION WITH GERMAN DISTRIBUTORS AND PHONE BACK MARCH 1.

2. SECOND PHONE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE MARCH 1, AT WHICH TIME GRAF SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED FILM ACQUISITION WITH GERMAN DISTRIBUTORS WHO HAD PROMISED HIM CATALOGUES FROM WHICH TO MAKE SELECTION. CATALOGUES HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED. GRAF WILL PHONE PAO ON MONDAY MARCH 7 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. IF PROBLEM SOLVED, DISTRIBUTORS WILL CHARGE RENTAL, WHICH GRAF THINKS MIGHT NOT EXCEED \$100 PER SHOWING, MAJOR QUESTION IN GRAF'S VIEW INVOLVES FRG-GDR RIGHTS, WHICH, HE SUGGESTS, MAY HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH USIS BERLIN. MORE ON THAT NEXT WEEK.

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4. MEANWHILE, MINISTRY OF CULTURE'S NINDL INFORMED PAO MARCH 1 THAT LIST OF GDR ARCHIVE FILMS STILL INCOMPLETE BECAUSE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS COMPILING OFFICIAL, BUT MATTER IN HAND.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON PROGRESS AT IMV. ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TED ARTHUR FOR SUGGESTING GRAF CONTACT. WHICH COULD

MEAN BREAKTHROUGH.  
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